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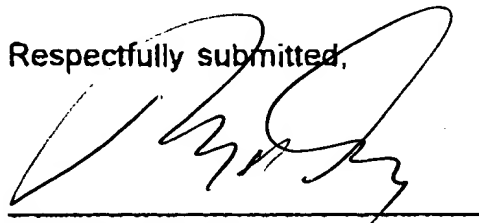
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner objected to claims 18-20 and 23-24 as being anticipated by Takagi (US P 6,522,338). By this amendment, claims 18-20 and 23-24 have been cancelled without prejudice to Applicant filing continuation or divisional applications related to these claims. As such, only the allowed claims 1-17, 21, and 22 remain in the application.

Conclusion:

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favourable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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